REMARKS

Since the Examiner has failed to respond to Applicants' Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Corrections dated April 18, 2003, Applicants are filing corrected drawings with this Amendment.

Claims 1-42 have been examined on their merits.

Applicants herein cancel claims 1-17, 24 and 35-42 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.

Claims 18-23 and 25-34 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Applicants herein editorially amend claims 21, 31, 32 and 33. No new matter has been added by the amendments to claims 21, 31, 32 and 33. Entry and consideration of the amendments to claims 21, 31, 32, and 33 is respectfully requested.
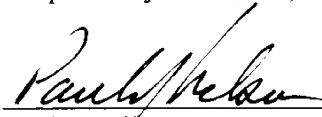
The Examiner objects to claim 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that claim 18 would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants herein rewrite claim 18 in independent form, including all the recitations of cancelled claim 1. No new matter has been added by the amendment to claim 18. Applicants believe that claim 18 is now in condition for allowance, and further believe that claims 19-23 and 25-34 are allowable as well, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 18.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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